## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015**

## FIFTH ORGANIZATIONAL DAY

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by Madam Speaker Harwell.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Bishop Larry Meadors, Emerge Church of God of Prophecy, Lebanon, TN.

Representative Pody led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with the following results:

## **ROLL CALL**

| Present   | 98 |
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| Representatives present were Akbari, Alexander, | •  |

Representatives present were Akbari, Alexander, Armstrong, Beck, Brooks H., Brooks K., Butt, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Daniel, DeBerry, Doss, Dunlap, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hill M., Hill T., Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Pody, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton C., Sexton J., Shaw, Shepard, Smith, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Terry, Todd, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, White D., White M., Wilburn, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick, Madam Speaker Harwell -- 98

#### **EXCUSED**

The Speaker announced that the following member has been excused, pursuant to request under **Rule No. 20**:

Representative Hazlewood; personal

## **SPONSORS ADDED**

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

**House Resolution No. 2** Reps. Pitts and Reedy as prime sponsors.

**House Joint Resolution No. 24** Reps. Lamberth, Travis, Marsh and Lynn as prime sponsors.

House Joint Resolution No. 25 Rep. Fitzhugh as prime sponsor.

## **PERSONAL ORDERS**

#### RULES SUSPENDED

Rep. McCormick moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing House Joint Resolution No. 27 out of order which motion prevailed.

**House Joint Resolution No. 27** -- General Assembly, Joint Conventions - Calls a joint convention of the general assembly on Monday, February 9, 2015, for the purpose of hearing an address by the governor on the state of the state and an address by the governor on the state budget. by \*McCormick.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

On motion of Rep. McCormick the resolution was adopted.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

On motion, pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the following resolutions listed were introduced and held on the Clerk's desk pending the appointment of the appropriate standing committees:

**House Joint Resolution No. 19** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment - Roy Harmon, Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation Board of Directors. by \*Hulsey.

**House Joint Resolution No. 20** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment - Susan Lanigan, Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation Board of Directors. by \*Rogers.

**House Joint Resolution No. 23** -- Naming and Designating - Designates 2016 as the "Year of Science Education" in Tennessee. by \*Brooks H.

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS (Congratulatory and Memorializing)

Pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the resolutions listed were noted as being placed on the Consent Calendar for February 9, 2015:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 -- Memorials, Death -- George Hamilton IV. by Johnson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 47** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Textile Printing Company. by Watson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 49** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Recognizing Debbie Massey for 10 years of service with the Madison-Rivergate Area Chamber of Commerce. by Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 50** -- Memorials, Death -- Joseph C. Loser Jr. by Dickerson.

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**Senate Joint Resolution No. 51** -- Memorials, Retirement -- Reverend Joseph Patrick Breen. by Dickerson, Yarbro.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 52** -- Memorials, Sports -- Vanderbilt University baseball team, 2014 NCAA National Champions. by Yarbro, Harper, Dickerson, Haile, Bailey, Beavers, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Green, Gresham, Harris, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Massey, McNally, Niceley, Norris, Overbey, Ramsey, Roberts, Southerland, Stevens, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Yager.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 53** -- Memorials, Death -- Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor. by Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 54** -- Memorials, Death -- Charles Richard Franklin Treadway. by Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 55** -- Memorials, Death -- John Lawrence Seigenthaler. by Dickerson, McNally, Overbey, Tate, Yarbro.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 56** -- Memorials, Death -- Bruce Isbester Crabtree Jr. by Dickerson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 57** -- Memorials, Death -- Cecil D. Branstetter. by Dickerson, Overbey, Yarbro.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

On motion, the following bills were introduced and passed first consideration:

**House Bill No. 115** -- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities - As introduced, requires that persons with intellectual disabilities on the waiting list for services be enrolled in the self-determination waiver when their caregivers attain the age of 75. - Amends TCA Title 33, Chapter 5. by \*Ramsey.

\*House Bill No. 116 -- Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, requires the BEP funding formula to provide funding for 12 months of local education employees' medical insurance premiums. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 3; Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3 and Section 49-2-209. by \*Ramsey.

\*House Bill No. 117 -- Dentists and Dentistry - As introduced, deletes provisions governing examinations for specialist certificates; amends the prohibition against issuing credentialed status in an unrecognized area of dental practice by removing the exemption for certain schools. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 5. by \*Ramsey.

\*House Bill No. 118 -- Dentists and Dentistry - As introduced, revises restrictions governing administration of nitrous oxide by dental hygienists; allows dental assistants to administer nitrous oxide under certain restrictions. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 5. by \*Ramsey.

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- \*House Bill No. 119 -- County Officers As introduced, permits constables to post and mail detainer summonses in addition to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. Amends TCA Section 29-18-115. by \*Hulsey.
- \*House Bill No. 120 -- Alcohol Offenses, Motor Vehicles As introduced, creates Class C felony offense of aggravated vehicular assault, which is vehicular assault with certain aggravating factors such as prior convictions for alcohol-related traffic offenses or a high blood alcohol concentration. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, by \*Lamberth.
- \*House Bill No. 121 -- Insurance, Health, Accident As introduced, changes the time period in which a preliminary audit report must be delivered to a pharmacist or pharmacy from within 120 days after conclusion of the audit to 90 days after conclusion of the audit. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 31. by \*Shepard.
- **House Bill No. 122** -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits As introduced, exempts diabetic testing supplies from sales and use tax. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 3. by \*Shepard.
- \*House Bill No. 123 -- Elder Abuse As introduced, extends the elder abuse task force from January 15, 2015, to January 15, 2016. Amends TCA Title 71 and Chapter 961 of the Public Acts of 2014. by \*Carr .
- \*House Bill No. 124 -- County Clerks As introduced, authorizes county clerks to charge a fee for same-day title printing services and enter into agreements with third-party service providers to charge a fee for certain online services available on the county clerk's web site. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 21, Part 7. by \*Carr, \*Farmer.
- \*House Bill No. 125 -- Schools, Charter As introduced, halts the closure at the end of the 2014–2015 school year of charter schools on the state's 2015 priority list; makes the 2017 priority list the first list for which charter schools appearing on a priority list must close at the end of the school year. Amends TCA Title 49. by \*Hardaway.
- \*House Bill No. 126 -- Lottery, Scholarships and Programs As introduced, allows a child of a military parent to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship if the child is classified as an in-state student at the time of enrollment. Amends TCA Section 49-4-926. by \*Brooks K.
- \*House Bill No. 127 -- Education, Higher As introduced, enacts the "State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Act." Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7. by \*Brooks H.

## HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

On motion, bills listed below passed second consideration and were held on the Clerk's desk pending appointment of appropriate standing committees:

\*House Bill No. 51 -- Children -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 52 -- Clerks, Court -- Held On Desk

**House Bill No. 53** -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits -- Held On Desk

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House Bill No. 54 -- Taxes, Sales -- Held On Desk

**House Bill No. 55** -- Judges and Chancellors -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 56 -- Dentists and Dentistry -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 57 -- Human Rights -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 58 -- Podiatrists -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 59 -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 60 -- Textbooks -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 61 -- Insurance, Health, Accident -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 62 -- Real Estate Agents and Brokers -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 63 -- Pest Control -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 64 -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 65 -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 66 -- Children's Services, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 67 -- Mobile Homes and Manufactured Buildings -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 68 -- Contractors -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 69 -- Fines and Penalties -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 70 -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 71 -- Professions and Occupations -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 72 -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 73 -- Consumer Protection -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 74 -- Correction, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 75 -- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 76 -- Economic and Community Development -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 77 -- Education -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 78 -- Education, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 79 -- Schools, Charter -- Held On Desk

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House Bill No. 80 -- Water -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 81 -- Environment and Conservation, Department of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 82 -- Banks and Financial Institutions -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 83 -- Credit Unions -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 84 -- General Services, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 85 -- Public Contracts -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 86 -- Drugs, Prescription -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 87 -- Public Health -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 88 -- Abuse -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 89 -- Human Services, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 90 -- Child Custody and Support -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 91 -- Unemployment Compensation -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 92 -- Labor -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 93 -- Labor and Workforce Development, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 94 -- Workers Compensation -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 95 -- Taxes -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 96 -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 97 -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 98 -- DUI Offenses -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 99 -- DUI Offenses -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 100 -- Controlled Substances -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 101 -- Health Care -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 102 -- Insurance, Health, Accident -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 103 -- Insurance, Health, Accident -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 104 -- Health Care -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 105 -- Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 106 -- Tort Liability and Reform -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 107 -- Lottery, Scholarships and Programs -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 108 -- Education -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 109 -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 110 -- Insurance, Motor Vehicles -- Held On Desk

House Bill No. 111 -- Public Employees -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 112 -- School Transportation -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 113 -- County Officers -- Held On Desk

\*House Bill No. 114 -- Consumer Protection -- Held On Desk

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

House Resolution No. 2 -- Memorials, Recognition - Fort Campbell. by \*Johnson .

**House Joint Resolution No. 24** -- Memorials, Public Service -- Senator Bill Ketron, Chair, Fiscal Review Committee. by \*White M.

**House Joint Resolution No. 25** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Felix Cavaliere. by \*Eldridge.

**House Joint Resolution No. 26** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Roy A. Emison, World War II veteran. by \*Eldridge.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 1** -- Memorials, Death -- Howard H. Baker Jr. by \*Yager, \*McNally, \*Massey, \*Bailey, \*Beavers, \*Bell, \*Bowling, \*Briggs, \*Crowe, \*Dickerson, \*Gardenhire, \*Gresham, \*Haile, \*Harper, \*Harris, \*Hensley, \*Jackson, \*Johnson, \*Kelsey, \*Ketron, \*Kyle, \*Niceley, \*Norris, \*Overbey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Stevens, \*Tate, \*Tracy, \*Watson, \*Yarbro, \*Ramsey.

\*Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 -- Memorials, Congress -- Urges the proposal of a Constitutional amendment requiring Congressional approval of federal regulations under certain circumstances. by \*Norris, \*Bell.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Les Leverett. by \*Johnson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 5** -- Memorials, Death -- Eugene Wade. by \*Johnson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 6** -- Memorials, Sports -- Knoxville West High School, 2014 Division I Class 5A state football champions. by \*Massey, \*Briggs, \*McNally.

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**Senate Joint Resolution No. 7** -- Memorials, Sports -- Brant Mitchell, Webb School of Knoxville, 2014 Mr. Football Division II Class A Lineman. by \*Massey, \*Briggs, \*McNally.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 8** -- Memorials, Sports -- Webb School of Knoxville, 2014 Division II, Class A state football champions. by \*Massey, \*Briggs, \*McNally.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 9** -- Memorials, Retirement -- Tom Humphrey. by \*Massey, \*Briggs, \*Harper, \*McNally, \*Norris, \*Overbey, \*Ramsey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Tracy, \*Yager.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 10** -- Memorials, Sports -- Fulton High School, Division I Class 4A state football champions. by \*Massey, \*Briggs.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 11** -- Memorials, Death -- Robert George Kibler. by \*Massey, \*Briggs.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 12** -- Memorials, Sports -- University of Memphis football team and head coach Justin Fuente. by \*Norris, \*Harris, \*Kelsey, \*Kyle, \*Tate, \*Bailey, \*Beavers, \*Bell, \*Bowling, \*Briggs, \*Crowe, \*Dickerson, \*Gardenhire, \*Green, \*Gresham, \*Haile, \*Harper, \*Hensley, \*Jackson, \*Johnson, \*Ketron, \*Massey, \*McNally, \*Niceley, \*Overbey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Stevens, \*Tracy, \*Watson, \*Yager, \*Yarbro, \*Ramsey.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Anita Norman. by \*Norris.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 15** -- Memorials, Retirement -- Lt. Richard Verbosky, Franklin Police Department. by \*Johnson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 16** -- Memorials, Death -- James Cecil "Little Jimmy" Dickens. by \*Johnson, \*Bailey, \*Beavers, \*Bell, \*Bowling, \*Briggs, \*Crowe, \*Dickerson, \*Gardenhire, \*Gresham, \*Haile, \*Harper, \*Harris, \*Hensley, \*Jackson, \*Kelsey, \*Ketron, \*Kyle, \*Massey, \*McNally, \*Niceley, \*Norris, \*Overbey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Stevens, \*Tate, \*Tracy, \*Watson, \*Yager, \*Yarbro, \*Ramsey.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 21** -- Memorials, Retirement -- Charlotte Mullis-Morgan. by \*Watson, \*Gardenhire.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 22** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Effie Martin, 100th birthday. by \*Watson.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 24** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Middle College at Austin Peay State University. by \*Green.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 25** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Dover Elementary. by \*Green.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 26** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Carmel Elementary. by \*Green.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 27** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Hazelwood Elementary. by \*Green.

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**Senate Joint Resolution No. 28** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Norman Smith Elementary. by \*Green.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 29** -- Memorials, Heroism -- First Lieutenant Norman Edward Lane Jr., United States Marine Corps Reserve. by \*Gresham, \*Briggs, \*Crowe, \*Green, \*Bailey, \*Beavers, \*Bell, \*Bowling, \*Dickerson, \*Gardenhire, \*Haile, \*Harper, \*Harris, \*Hensley, \*Jackson, \*Johnson, \*Kelsey, \*Ketron, \*Kyle, \*Massey, \*McNally, \*Niceley, \*Norris, \*Overbey, \*Roberts, \*Southerland, \*Stevens, \*Tate, \*Tracy, \*Watson, \*Yager, \*Yarbro, \*Ramsey.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 31** -- Memorials, Death -- Marvin Lynn Hammond. by \*Massey, \*Briggs.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 32** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Jimmy Capps, musical career. by \*Haile, \*Johnson.

## **OBJECTION--CONSENT CALENDAR**

Objection was filed to the following on the Consent Calendar:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2: by Rep. McCormick

Under the rules, Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 was placed at the heel of the calendar for February 9, 2015.

Rep. McCormick moved that all members voting aye on Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 be added as co-prime sponsors, which motion prevailed with the following members not added pursuant to the signed Sponsor Exclusion form: Reps. Pody and Ragan.

Rep. Todd moved that all members voting aye on Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 be added as co-prime sponsors with the Shelby County delegation listed first, which motion prevailed with the following members not added pursuant to the signed Sponsor Exclusion form: Reps. Pody and Ragan.

Rep. M. White moved that all members voting aye on House Joint Resolution No. 24 be added as co-prime sponsors with members of the Fiscal Review Committee listed first, which motion prevailed with the following members not added pursuant to the signed Sponsor Exclusion form: Reps. Pody and Ragan.

Rep. Haynes moved that the Knox County delegation be added as co-prime sponsors on Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, Senate Joint Resolution No. 9, Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 11, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Fitzhugh moved that all members voting aye on Senate Joint Resolution No. 29 be added as co-prime sponsors with the Veterans Caucus listed first, which motion prevailed with the following members not added pursuant to the signed Sponsor Exclusion form: Reps. Pody and Ragan.

Rep. Johnson moved that all members voting aye on House Resolution No. 2 be added as co-prime sponsors with Reps. Pitts and Reedy listed first, which motion prevailed with the following members not added pursuant to the signed Sponsor Exclusion form: Reps. Pody and Ragan.

Pursuant to **Rule No. 50**, Rep. Dunn moved that all House Bills having companion Senate Bills and are on the Clerk's desk be conformed and substituted for the appropriate House Bill, all Senate and House Bills on the Consent Calendar be passed on third and final consideration, all House Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions be adopted, and all Senate Joint Resolutions on the Consent Calendar be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

| Ayes | 96 |
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| Noes | 0  |

Representatives voting aye were: Akbari, Alexander, Armstrong, Beck, Brooks H., Brooks K., Butt, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, DeBerry, Doss, Dunlap, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hill M., Hill T., Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Pody, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton C., Sexton J., Shaw, Shepard, Smith, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Terry, Todd, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, White D., White M., Wilburn, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick, Madam Speaker Harwell -- 96

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

## **REQUEST TO CHANGE VOTE**

Pursuant to **Rule No. 31**, the following member desires to change their original stand from "not voting" to "aye" on **Consent Calendar** and have this statement entered in the Journal: Rep. Daniel.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CERTIFY RESULTS OF GOVERNOR'S ELECTION

The joint committee appointed to canvass and certify the results of the November 4, 2014, general election for the office of governor of the State of Tennessee has met and reports the following results:

| Bill Haslam – Republican                | 951,796 |
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| Charles V. "Charlie" Brown – Democratic | 309,237 |
| Shaun Crowell – Constitution            | 26,580  |
| Isa Infante – Green                     | 18 570  |

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| Steven Damon Coburn – Independent         | 8,612  |
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| John Jay Hooker – Independent             | 30,579 |
| Daniel T. Lewis – Independent             | 8,321  |
| Write-In – A. Darryl Haas – Independent   | 4      |
| Write-In – BeLinda Jo Ivins – Independent | 14     |
| Write-In – Mark Pearson – Independent     | 15     |

## Submitted by:

| /s/ Senator Norris  | /s/ Representative Curtis Johnson |
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| /s/ Senator Harris  | /s/ Representative Glen Casada    |
| /s/ Senator McNally | /s/ Representative Mike Stewart   |

## SPONSORS ADDED

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

House Bill No. 9 Rep. Daniel as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 64 Rep. Lundberg as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 67 Rep. Swann as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 71 Rep. Forgety as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 74** Rep. Carter as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 79 Rep. H. Brooks as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 80** Rep. Faison as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 83** Rep. C. Sexton as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 84 Rep. Haynes as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 85** Rep. Butt as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 86 Rep. Williams as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 87 Rep. Ramsey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 93 Rep. Lynn as prime sponsor.

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House Bill No. 94 Rep. Eldridge as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 95 Rep. Johnson as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 97** Rep. Halford as prime sponsor.

**House Bill No. 98** Rep. Carter as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 99 Rep. Carter as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 102 Rep. Keisling as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 105 Rep. Spivey as prime sponsor.

# **ENROLLED BILLS January 17, 2015**

MADAM SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared House Resolution No. 2; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Speaker.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

## SIGNED January 17, 2015

The Speaker announced that she had signed the following: House Resolution No. 2.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

# ENGROSSED BILLS January 17, 2015

MADAM SPEAKER: The following bills have been examined, engrossed and are ready for transmission to the Senate: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 24, 25, 26 and 27.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

## **ROLL CALL**

| The roll call was taken with the following results: |    |
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| Present   | 98 |

Representatives present were Akbari, Alexander, Armstrong, Beck, Brooks H., Brooks K., Butt, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Clemmons, Coley, Cooper, Daniel, DeBerry, Doss, Dunlap, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Gravitt, Halford, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hill M., Hill T., Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Jernigan, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Kumar, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Parkinson, Pitts, Pody, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton C., Sexton J., Shaw, Shepard, Smith, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Terry, Todd, Towns, Travis, Turner, Van Huss, Weaver, White D., White M., Wilburn, Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick, Madam Speaker Harwell -- 98

#### **RECESS MOTION**

Rep. McCormick moved, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 48 and in order to satisfy the requirements of the Tennessee State Constitution, the House stood in a brief recess in order to meet with the Senate for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor in joint convention, at the conclusion of which, the House adjourn the Organizational Session of the House of Representatives of the 109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly sine die and that the House convene into Regular Session here in the House Chamber immediately following the conclusion of the joint convention, which motion prevailed.

## IN JOINT CONVENTION

#### INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR HASLAM

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015**

The Hour having arrived, set by Senate Joint Resolution No. 48, the Senate met with the House in Joint Convention for the purpose of inaugurating the Honorable Bill Haslam as Governor.

The Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. Speaker Ramsey, President of the Joint Convention.

On motion of Senator Norris, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative McCormick, the roll call of the House was dispensed with.

Thereupon, the Clerk of the Senate read Senate Joint Resolution No. 48, authorizing the Joint Convention.

Mr. President Ramsey appointed a Select Committee composed of Senators Bo Watson, Mark Norris and Lee Harris; Representatives Gerald McCormick, Craig Fitzhugh and Curtis Johnson as the Committee to escort the Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, First Lady Crissy Haslam and Family to the platform. Senator Bo Watson served as Chair of this Committee.

Senator Watson announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, my fellow Tennesseans, the 49<sup>th</sup> Governor of the great State of Tennessee Bill Haslam, his wife Crissy and the Haslam family."

The Tennessee National Guard gave the Presentation of Colors.

Pastor David Bowen, Second Presbyterian Church of Memphis, gave the invocation.

Lance Corporal Marine Salvador Gonzalez, retired from the Marine Corps after receiving serious injuries in Iraq, led the Joint Convention in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The National Anthem was sung by Trace Adkins.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. President Ramsey invited Governor Haslam to join him in the podium. Governor Haslam asked the members of his Cabinet to rise in order to receive their Oaths of Office.

Governor Haslam administered the Oath of Office to his Cabinet.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. President Ramsey invited Governor Haslam, First Lady Crissy Haslam and the Haslam family to the podium to receive Governor Haslam's Oath of Office.

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The Honorable Chief Justice Sharon Lee, of the Tennessee Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to Governor Bill Haslam, as prescribed by law.

Thereupon, Mr. President Ramsey declared that the Honorable Bill Haslam was duly, legally and constitutionally inaugurated the Governor of the State of Tennessee for the ensuing four years.

#### INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Well I'm hoping we still have some ammunition back there if someone attacks us. Lt. Governor Ramsey; Speaker Harwell; Members of the Tennessee General Assembly; Constitutional Officers; Justices; Members of Tennessee's Congressional Delegation; Former Governors; Honored Guests; Friends; Crissy: my wonderful partner in this journey and the very best and hardest working First Lady in the country; Our family, which has doubled since the last time we were up here; and the citizens of this great State that we all love:

You know, being sworn in for a second term makes me think back to four years ago when I was up here taking the Oath of Office for the first time. Becoming a Governor is a little bit like being shot out of a cannon. There is a great view, but the ground underneath seems to be shifting quickly. First, you hire a Cabinet and then a Senior Staff. Then, you move to Nashville. Quickly your jokes are funnier, people stand up when you walk into a room, and state troopers seem to be following you everywhere. Right away the legislature is in session and before you can even find the men's room, your first budget is due. Four weeks later, it is time to give the annual address to the people of Tennessee to update them on the State of the State. My first thought was, how should I know? I just got here.

But, I did know. I knew that we had to focus on those issues that Tennesseans truly care about and that are critical to our future:

First, a more effective and efficient state government that delivers the very best services to Tennessee tax payers at the lowest possible cost;

Then, better education opportunities and outcomes so more Tennesseans are prepared for the competitive world that we live in;

And finally, high quality, good paying Tennessee jobs and a business environment that gives companies the confidence to invest their capital right here in Tennessee. I believe we've made progress on all three fronts.

On more efficient, effective government, Tennessee's financial condition is something that we should all take pride in. We have the lowest debt per person of any of the 50 states. Our tax rates remain among the lowest in the country. Tennessee has now gone longer without a significant tax increase than in any time in modern history.

Our departments are focused on providing the very best services to citizens at the lowest cost possible. We are able to do that now more than ever because we overhauled the state's outdated employment system. Today, unlike in the past, we are able to recruit, reward and retain the best and brightest to serve in state government.

In education, we are now the fastest improving state in the country. You can clap for that; that's a big deal. Our high school graduation rates have increased from 76 percent to 88 percent over the past decade. There are now 100,000 more kids proficient at grade-level in math, and more than 57,000 additional students are proficient at grade-level in science. The number of students needing remedial math when they get to community college has decreased by 10 percent in the last two years. We are the first state ever to promise high school graduates the chance to attend community college or technical school free of tuition and fees.

On the job front, we have added 210,000 net new private sector jobs since January 2011. For the last two years in a row, Tennessee has been named the "State of the Year" for economic development. No state has ever won that award in back-to-back years.

We've passed sweeping tort reform legislation and overhauled our worker's compensation system. We established an entrepreneurial job creation strategy that has gained national attention known as Launch TN.

We've also brought together our tourism-related businesses to jointly market Tennessee in a way that has never happened before.

But despite our accomplishments and momentum, one of the things that I've realized during my time in office is that we haven't had nearly high enough expectations of ourselves. In many ways, we've settled and haven't lived up to our full potential. So, one thing I can guarantee you that we are not going to do in the next four years is coast to the finish line. The decisions that we make in the building behind me are too important; too important to the 6 and a half million Tennesseans who are alive today, and even more important for the generations that will follow us.

Four years from now, someone else will be standing in this spot, preparing to take over leadership of Tennessee. I feel an obligation to pass the baton to him or her with the state as prepared for the future as we can be. But this isn't about who the Governor is now and it's not about who the next Governor will be four years from now.

It's about all of us. The Governor, legislators, state employees, teachers, parents, community leaders, business executives, health care professionals, faith leaders, and citizens of all kinds saying: "We are on the right path, but we can do better, and we must do better."

We can be a state government that treats its citizens like customers and gives full value for every tax dollar that is paid. Tennessee can be the very best location in the southeast for high quality jobs. Most importantly, we can make sure that we get education right. There is nothing more important for us to do.

As I mentioned earlier, we truly are making progress today in education in Tennessee. It is not an exaggeration to say that the eyes of the country are on us to see if we can continue to show the significant gains that we have made in the last several years. Unfortunately, our history in Tennessee is to take two steps forward and then two steps backwards.

I think that every governor for the last 100 years has said that education would be a priority and they've worked to improve educational outcomes and opportunities for our children, but for too long Tennessee has remained near the bottom of state rankings in academic achievement.

Let's seize on this momentum and on the hard work of our teachers and students to continue the progress that we're making. No other state can claim to be the fastest improving state in the country. No other state can say that they guarantee high school seniors two years free at a community or technical school.

Getting education right will go a long way to address all of the challenges we face in our state. It will mean more jobs for more Tennesseans; less reliance on federal and state services; higher incomes; healthier citizens; and the list goes on.

You know, I wish you all could've been with me this week in Detroit at the North American International Auto Show. It wasn't this warm I can assure you. But, like me, you would've been filled with pride as you realized the leading status that Tennessee now has in the automotive manufacturing world. As a matter of fact, for four years in a row we have been named the "State of the Year" for automobile manufacturing. Last year, Tennessee produced more than 750,000 vehicles, and the largest auto plant in North America is now in Tennessee.

You would've been excited to listen in as scientists from Oak Ridge National Lab talked about carbon fiber technology that can be used to make automobiles lighter and more fuel efficient and that Tennessee is in the inside lane to be at the center of that innovation.

Like me, you would've watched in amazement as a car could be made to order on a 3D printing press with a total construction time of about 12 hours. In the not too distant future, a person will literally be able to design his or her own car. Again, Tennessee is at the forefront of the technology innovation.

But, like me, you would've walked away concerned. Concerned because manufacturer after manufacturer emphasized that the world is moving really fast, and the need to have workers with the technical skills and ability to keep up has never been more critical. Every company I talked to looked me in the eye and expressed their concern about whether Tennessee's workforce is ready for tomorrow's challenge. Every company emphasized to me that we needed to quickly increase the percentage of our population with a certificate or degree beyond high school. To achieve that, we have to make certain that our students graduate from high school prepared for post-secondary education.

You know, I see the job of Governor as being part of a historically significant relay race. Some of the people who ran that race is sitting here in front of you. I was handed the baton four years ago, and it is my job to be intentional about advancing that baton during my eight years in office and handing it off to the next governor in a better position than it was handed to me.

As we embark on the second leg of this race, it's going to take all of us running together. The time is right for us to take longer strides, to run harder, to reach further, and to gain more ground.

We can do this together, and to reach our full potential, we have to do it together.

It is an honor to serve as your Governor. Every day I walk up the marble steps of that beautiful building behind me, and I count myself blessed to have a job that I love and to work with people who truly are committed to serving the 6 and a half million people who call Tennessee home.

Four years from now, someone else will be standing here, and I will be sitting up here watching and cheering. On that day, like this day, I will know that Tennessee's best days are ahead of

us. Wishing you Godspeed, I promise to give my all for this great state that we call home. Thank you.

Dr. Raquel Hatter, Commissioner of Human Services, delivered the Benediction.

Mr. President Ramsey relinquished the gavel to Madam Speaker Harwell as President of the Joint Convention.

The purpose for which the Joint Convention was assembled having been accomplished, Madam President Harwell declared the Joint Convention dissolved.